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Dear Mr. Hebdon:

SUBJECT: Remedial Investigation Report for the 200-TW-1 and 200-TW-2 Operable Units (includes the 200-PW-5 Operable Unit), DOE/RL-2002-42, Revision 0

Your letter 03-RCA-0226, dated 8 May 2003, transmitted the Remedial Investigation Report for the 200-TW-1 and 200-TW-2 operable units. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology) are sending this letter to identify the regulatory review requirements for the report.

The responses to comments included with your letter do not satisfactorily address previous review comments about deficiencies in ecological risk assessment. The Tri-Party agencies discussed concerns about ecological risk assessment in several primary documents at the Interagency Management Integration Team meetings held on April 22, 2003 and May 20, 2003. The Tri-Parties agreed to meet again to discuss the issue in the context of a critical path schedule analysis of the 200 Area remedial investigations/feasibility studies (RI/FS). That meeting is scheduled for June 5, 2003.

EPA and Ecology are exercising a 30-day extension in the review of this RI Report, beginning June 10, 2003, pending the outcome of the June 5 discussions on the 200 Area RI/FS schedule. If you have any questions, please contact Craig Cameron (EPA) at (509) 376-8665 or John Price (Ecology) at (509) 736-3029.

Sincerely,

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200-PW-5